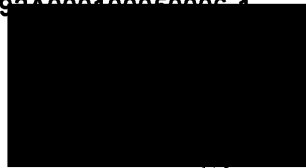


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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942 - March 1943. Eighty-three of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED] FOIA b3a

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports, beginning with the most recent and working back, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED] FOIA b3a. The numbering of the items was added by the translator, since the Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, EcR-1 to EcR-18 inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

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5 July 1943

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 1/7

(Based on Domestic Radio Traffic)

Individual Messages

1. FOOD SITUATION

(1) The unsatisfactory state of sowing activities has caused the local agricultural authorities in various oblasti and rajons to set special daily norms. If these rates are not fulfilled, the persons responsible will be handed over to the prosecuting authorities. In connection with this, two messages are quoted in extract:

I. "To the Director of Plant "Armalit" in Armavir:

For the struggle against weeds and for avoidance of a bad harvest, you must devote special attention to the organization of hoeing work. To guarantee the timely accomplishment of the work, you have full power to draw on all employees of subsidiary enterprises and their families and likewise (insofar as this is possible without hindrance to the proper production program of the plant) on all workers, employees, and their families for hoeing work. Students of summer camps are also to be included.

Hoeing must take place from sunrise to sunset. Only short rest periods for breakfast, dinner, and supper are to be granted. Along with the hoeing, carry out an engagement in the struggle against vermin. Report the outcome.

Suloev, representative of the NK for the Mortar Industry."

II. "To Vasil'ev of the Canning Trust in Starobel'sk:

I oblige you to organize in great volume the work for the bringing in of the hay harvest in all state farm enterprises of the Canning Trust, and for fulfillment of the haying plan to draw immediately into this work the entire population which is able to work. Within 24 hours you must communicate to the oblast' organizations the amount of the necessary additional labor force. Cause the persons liable for service to be sent to the state farms from the city and rajon centers. You are directed to procure not less than 2300 tons of hay daily. I make you responsible for holding those guilty of any delay in the haying to the strictest accountability. Moreover, I oblige you to telephone exact information on hay procurement to the NK every 5 days.

Lobanov."

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(2) Even in oblasti close to the front, like Leningrad and its environs, each inch of ground is ostensibly to be cultivated with vegetables and potatoes. "Each family is to have a little bit of land with cabbage, potatoes, and other vegetables."

(3) In the Middle-Asian oblasti the hay harvest turned out decidedly poorly because of drought. For example it is reported from Aktyubinsk that in spite of the relatively good yield of the manured grass (compare Military-Economic Report 4/6), the hay harvest is unsatisfactory.

(4) According to a further report, the cattle-raising farms in the same oblast' require a considerably greater grazing area than was allotted to them. Against an allotment of 1/2 million hectares stands the need of 1-1/2 million hectares.

(5) Against the planned sowings could be confirmed:

in Aktyubinsk Oblast', 70,600 hectares of winter wheat, and
10,000 hectares of millet;

in Ural'sk Oblast', 10,000 hectares of millet.

(6) There are contradictory messages about tobacco cultivation in Middle-Asia. For example, Alma-Ata can report good results from its rajon; 50,000 tobacco plants above plan were planted on an area of 538 hectares. It is reported from Kustanaj Rajon, however, that only 79% of the plan for tobacco cultivation could be fulfilled.

(7) Allotments of the NK for Trade for July:

Ordzhonikidze	1200 tons of flour 15 tons of groats and rice 16 tons of macaroni
Groznyj	2000 tons of flour 40 tons of groats and rice 65 tons of macaroni
Nalchik	700 tons of flour 35 tons of groats 5 tons of macaroni

(8) In addition an allotment in excess of 50% of the basic amount of groats and macaroni is to be handed out for the most important industrial enterprises to improve the maintenance of workers.

(9) The local offices of the NK for Trade are receiving instructions in the allotment of the above-mentioned quantities to first take care of all leading industrial enterprises and establishments of the NK for Transportation; then to support as far as possible all measures for the child-strengthening campaign.

(10) In Rostov/Don working people are receiving 400 grams of groats per month.

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(11) Bread is to be given out in the following daily rations:

Worker of the 1st category	800 grams
" " " 2nd "	600 "
Employee	400 "
Family dependent	300 "

(12) The Armenian Republic has to fulfill the following procurement plan for dried fruit from the yield of this year's fruit harvest:

600 tons of fruits with pips
470 " " " " stones
2300 " " raisins

(13) For the Central Supply of the Leningrad Front, 4400 tons of sunflower seeds will be transported from Rostov/Don to Volkhovstroj.

2. OIL SUPPLY

(14) Oil supply outside of the Caucasus region is as usual very strained, apparently from transport difficulties.

(15) The oil supply of the Moscow-Oka, Kama, and Volga Steamship Agencies is catastrophic. They are threatened with a shut-down. These steamship agencies need 20,000 tons of mazut and 3,000 tons of motor oil, which "Volga Tanker" is to ship absolutely immediately.

(16) In Ural'sk and Saratov, industry lacks gasoline.

(17) Because of these difficulties, renewed measures of economy were ordered. Thus Kujbyshev and Molotov received instructions to allow all passenger ships to travel down the Volga with only one boiler, in order to conserve mazut. The Reconstruction Directorate of the NKRF in Rostov/Don and the organizations subordinate to it received for July only 30% of the amount of fuel of the previous month. Many airports of the Civil Air Fleet have likewise to report a lack of fuel and lubricants (See Military-Economic Report 5/6).

(18) Gor'kij NKRF had an excess consumption of 1280 tons over the established norm to report in May.

REQUISITIONS

Fuel

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(19) for Moscow- Oka, Kama, and Volga Steamship Agencies	20,000 tons	Mazut	Astrakhan	Urgent needs

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Fuel

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(20) <u>Erevan,</u> <u>Timber Sales (?)</u>	12 tons	Gasoline or Ligroin	-	for June for timber transport

AUTHORIZATIONS

(21) <u>Majkop,</u> <u>Oil Base</u>	3 tons	Gasoline	-	for harvest work
(22) <u>Rostov,</u> <u>Reconstruction</u> <u>Directorate</u>	300 tons	Gasoline	Groznyj	for reconstruction work
(23) <u>Combine Rostov-</u> <u>Coal</u>	100 tons	Gasoline	Groznyj	-
(24) <u>Voroshilovgrad-</u> <u>Coal</u>	100 tons	Gasoline	Groznyj	-

Lubricants

(25) <u>Baku, Oil</u> <u>Procurement</u>	40 tons	Oil	Baku, Oil Supply	-
(26) <u>Railroad Station</u> <u>Shakhtnaya,</u> <u>Combine Rostov-</u> <u>Coal</u>	25 tons	Cylinder Oil	-	for reconstruction of the Donbas pits. To be shipped within two days.
(27) <u>Railroad Station</u> <u>Koksoyaya,</u> <u>Combine Rostov-</u> <u>Coal</u>	25 tons	Turbine	Baku, Oil	"

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Other Oil

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(28) <u>Railroad Station</u> <u>Dolshanskaya,</u> <u>Combine Voroshilov-</u> <u>grad-Coal</u>	50 tons	Transformer Oil	-	for reconstruction of the Donbas pits. To be shipped within two days.
(29) <u>Railroad Station</u> <u>Verkhneduvan-</u> <u>naya</u>	25 tons	Transformer Oil	-	"
(30) <u>Railroad Station</u> <u>Vlasovskie,</u> <u>Kopi, Combine</u> <u>Rostov-Coal</u>	50 tons	Transformer Oil	-	"

DELIVERIES

(31) <u>Belovod,</u> <u>MTS</u>	25 tons	Petroleum	-	-
(32) <u>Shakhtnaya</u> <u>Combine</u> <u>Rostov-Coal</u>	100 tons	Gasoline	Groznyj	in June

3) Coal Supply

(33) The coal supply is quite insufficient for the future, apparently likewise from transport difficulties.

(34) The mine "Krasnyj Don" fulfilled 89% of the second quarter production plan by 26 June.

(35) In June the metal plant in Sulin (Rostov Oblast') received only 648 tons of coal instead of 4,000 tons, as a result of which the thermo-ovens in Sulin must be extinguished. The ceramics plants received only 5,097 tons instead of 8,320 tons.

(36) From 1 January to 1 June the Armenian NK for Agriculture in Erevan received only 190 tons of coal from Tkvibuli instead of 320 and only 168 tons from Tkvarcheli instead of 260. For 1943 the Armenian NK was to receive from Tkvibuli 6,848 tons in all, of which 6,107 tons were for geranium hothouses (in which something else indeed is cultivated today)

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and 741 tons for MTS schools. From Tkvarcheli it was to receive 5,246 tons of coal, which were destined for forges of the MTS and collective farms. In June coal for repairs of harvesting machines of the MTS especially was not allocated. Therefore 200 additional tons of Tkvarcheli coal are requisitioned.

(37) The Upper Irtysh Steamship Agency likewise lacks coal. At the end of May and the beginning of June 2,063 tons of coal were shipped for the Agency from Novosibirsk to Semipalatinsk. The transports have not yet arrived; they are now to be traced.

REQUISITIONS

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(38)				
Erevan, Armenian	6,848 tons	Coal	Tkvibuli	for 1943
NK for Agri-	5,246 "	"	Tkvarcheli	"
culture	200 "	"	"	additional

(39)				
Middle and	6,000 tons	Coal	Stalingrad	-
Upper Volga				
Steamship Agency				

AUTHORIZATIONS

(40)				
Tkvarcheli	3,700 tons	Coal	Tkvarcheli	for June, for own needs

(41)				
Yakutsk, State	5,000 tons	Coal	Sangarsk	for June
Lena Steamship				
Agency				

(42)				
Voronezh,	200 tons	Coal	Shakhty	in June
Bread Factory			(Rostov Oblast')	
No. 1				

(43)				
Tiflis,	100 tons	Coal	-	-
Hydraulic				
Projects				

(44)				
Zestafoni,	500 tons	Anthracite	Donets-	in June
"Ferro-Plant"			Anthracite	

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DELIVERIES

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(45)				
Erevan, Armenian	190 tons	Coal	Tkvibuli	delivered from
NK for Agriculture	168 "	"	Tkvarcheli	1 Jan. to 1 June 43
(46)				
Saratov	387 tons	Coal	Shakhty, (Rostov Oblast')	in June
(47)				
Semipalatinsk,	113 tons	Coal	Novosibirsk	delivered on 29 May
Upper Irtysh				
Steamship Agency	1,114 tons	"	"	delivered on 6 June
	836 "	"	"	delivered on 9 June, not yet arrived.

4) Textile and Leather Supply

(48) The hospitals of the Georgian SSR lack linen for 33,160 beds. The total supply on 20 May was as follows:

138,308 sheets
86,762 shirts
84,026 drawers
83,896 towels
30,138 mattress covers and mattresses
99,887 pillows
34,087 warm quilts
21,889 summer coverlets
24,621 meters of cotton cloth

(49) On the other hand, the Georgian C.D. for the Textile Industry in Tiflis has a sufficient supply at its disposal, as appears from a turnover report:

	<u>Used in April</u>	<u>On Hand 1 May</u>
cotton, type 3	22 tons	416 tons
" " 4	69 "	209 "
" " 5	24 "	58 "
cotton yarn, type 1	21 "	116 "
" " " 2	11 "	54 "
wool, type 1	19 "	152 "

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	<u>Used in May</u>	<u>On Hand 1 June</u>
cotton, type 3	23 tons	393 tons
" " 4	60 "	150 "
" " 5	39 "	35 "
cotton yarn, type 1	22 "	94 "
" " " 2	28 "	24 "
wool, type 1	20 "	133 "

The following table shows the authorizations noted for textiles:

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<u>Raw Materials</u>				
(50) <u>Gor'kij,</u> NKRF	20 tons	Flax fibres	Gor'kij, Flax Trust	in third quarter
(51) <u>Molotov,</u> NKRF	20 tons	Flax fibres	Izhevek (?) Flax Trust	in third quarter
<u>Cloth</u>				
(52) <u>Baku, Azer-</u> <u>bajdzhan Worker</u> Reserve	206,000 meters	Cotton Cloth	-	-
(53) <u>Kirovakan,</u> <u>Chemical</u> Plant	1,450 meters 100 " 200 "	Cotton Cloth Woolen " Linen	Moscow " "	- - -
<u>Clothes</u>				
(54) <u>Kirovakan,</u> <u>Chemical</u> Plant	146 pieces	Clothing	"	-
<u>Bed Linen</u>				
(55) <u>Kirovakan,</u> <u>Chemical</u> Plant	60	Pillows	"	-

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<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<u>Bed Linen</u>				
(56) <u>Kalach,</u> <u>NKRF</u>	600	Pillows	-	-
(57) <u>Ust'-Usa,</u> <u>NKRF</u>	540	Pillows	-	-
(58) <u>Kirovakan,</u> <u>Chemical</u> <u>Plant</u>	30	Sheets	Moscow	-
(59) <u>Kalach,</u> <u>NKRF</u>	800	Sheets	-	-
(60) <u>Ust'-Usa,</u> <u>NKRF</u>	540 245	Sheets Covers	- -	- -
<u>Other</u>				
(61) <u>Kirovakan,</u> <u>Chemical</u> <u>Plant</u>	30	Paillasses	Moscow	-
(62) <u>Kalach,</u> <u>NKRF</u>	300	Paillasse Covers	-	-

(63) Grain Procurement in Makhachkala received 293,000 imported bags.

(64) The C.D. for Oil Supply in Tiflis received 10 tons of felt for boots for the second quarter.

(65) Worker Supply in Baku is requesting 5,000 pairs of leather shoes in addition to the 5,000 pairs of cloth shoes authorized. The following authorizations were noted:

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<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<u>Kirovakan,</u> <u>Chemical Plant</u>	10 pairs	Boots	Moscow	-
<u>Kirovakan,</u> <u>Chemical Plant</u>	30 pairs	Galoshes	Moscow	-
<u>Kineshma,</u> <u>Water Transport</u> <u>Base</u>	100 pairs	Boots	Kostroma	-
<u>Stalingrad,</u> <u>NKRF</u>	40 pairs	Boots	Kostroma	-
<u>Stalingrad,</u> <u>NKRF</u>	60 pairs	Shoes	Kostroma	-

(66) The message that the NK for Transportation in Erevan is to receive 500 pairs of rejected leather shoes speaks for the lack of footwear.

5) Chemicals

Authorizations, requisitions, deliveries, and supplies:

I. Authorizations

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(67) <u>Mizur,</u> <u>Chemical Combine</u>	36 tons	White Vitriol	-	on 18 June
(68) <u>Novosibirsk</u>	220 tons	Calcium Soda	Soda Plant in Mikhajlovsk (Sverdlovsk Oblast')	-
(69) <u>Astrakhan,</u> <u>"Volga Tanker"</u>	3 tons	Soda Crystal	Gor'kiy	-
(70) <u>NK for Oil</u>	141 tons	Caustic Soda	"Sovpren" in Erevan	in the 3rd ten-day period of June

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<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(71) <u>NK for</u> <u>Transportation</u>	24 tons	Caustic Soda	"Sovpren" in Erevan	in the 3rd ten-day period of June
(72) <u>NK for Defense</u> <u>of the Land</u>	6 tons	Caustic Soda	"Sovpren" in Erevan	in the 3rd ten-day period of June
(73) <u>NK for</u> <u>Munitions</u>	6 tons	Caustic Soda	"Sovpren" in Erevan	in the 3rd ten-day period of June
(74) <u>NK for the</u> <u>Chemical Industry</u>	6 tons	Caustic Soda	"Sovpren" in Erevan	in the 3rd ten-day period of June
(75) <u>Erevan, Armenian</u> <u>Industrial Supply</u>	1 carload	Bertholet Salt	-	-
(76) <u>Tkvarcheli</u> <u>Coal</u>	22 tons	Explosives	Plant in Shurab	-
(77) <u>Tkvibuli</u> <u>Coal</u>	11 tons	Explosives	Plant in Shurab	-
(78) <u>Ilijsk</u> <u>NKRF</u>	2 tons 0.3 tons	Varnish "	-	in 1st quarter in 2nd quarter
(79) <u>Stalingrad,</u> <u>Tractor Plant</u>	50 tons	Naphtha Bitumen	Baku, oil Supply	-
(80) <u>Georgia, NK</u> <u>for Light</u> <u>Industry</u>	16 tons	India Rubber	Erevan, "Sovpren"	in June, type 630-730

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<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(81) <u>Erevan,</u> Chemical Sales	20 tons	India Rubber	Erevan, "Sovpren"	up to 20 June

(82) <u>Erevan, NK</u> for Health	200 liters	Tri- Vaccine	-	for June/July
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II. Requisitions

(83) <u>Pyatigorsk,</u> Cold-Storage Building	1.5 tons	Ammonia	Groznyj	-
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(84) <u>Tiflis,</u> "Generator"	3 tons	Soap	-	additional for the 2nd quarter
	8 tons	Soap		for 3rd quarter

III. Deliveries and Supplies

(85) <u>Plant 96</u>	10 carloads	Carbide	Erevan, "Sovpren"	on 9 June
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(86) <u>Kirgiz,</u> Sugar-Beet Trust	1 carload	Carbide	Tiflis, Chemical Plant	on 20 June
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(87) <u>Baku</u>	200 tons	Caustic Soda	Erevan, Chemical Sales	in the 2nd ten-day period of June
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(88) <u>Groznyj</u>	50 tons	Caustic Soda	Erevan, Chemical Sales	-
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(89) <u>Kantemirovka,</u> Ukrainian NK for Local Industry	15 tons	Caustic Soda	-	on 18 June
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<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(90) <u>Gor'ki j,</u> <u>NKRF</u>	2 tons	Lacquer	Moscow	-

(91) At the Azerbajdzhan Textile Supply in Baku, 150 tons of starch are stored, and there are 150 tons of starch at the Hardware Wholesale as well. An additional 100 tons of starch are divided up among other smaller places.

6) Miscellaneous

(92) According to a radio conversation between Moscow and Leningrad, vaccines against contagious diseases are urgently needed in Leningrad.

(93) The military prosecuting authority reports from Batumi that 50% of the deserters have been captured.

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